

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 811

By Dunn

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Laura Gill Bailey, 2001
Powell Business and Professional Association
Woman of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Laura Gill Bailey, who was recently selected by the Powell Business and Professional Association as the 2001 Woman of the Year; and

WHEREAS, a lifelong resident of Powell and a graduate of Powell High School, she is a top-producing agent with the Knoxville Board of Realtors; she has earned the respect and admiration of her peers and clients alike, and her business, Knoxville Realty, has established an unsurpassed reputation for high quality service and integrity; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her professional endeavors, Mrs. Bailey still finds time to lend her remarkable talents to numerous notable causes; and

WHEREAS, a devoted family woman, she is most grateful for the deep love and companionship she shares with her husband, Larry Bailey; she is also the proud and loving mother of a son, Justin, and a daughter, Kristian; and

WHEREAS, during her son's high school years, Mrs. Bailey was active in his school community and made numerous invaluable contributions; she never missed any of his soccer or football games, and she chaired Project Graduation, an all-night, drug-free party for graduating seniors; and

WHEREAS, under her guidance, numerous prizes valued over \$21,000 and two automobiles were raised for the celebration, which was a great success and provided a safe haven for the students on their momentous evening; and

WHEREAS, Justin, who spoke in praise of his mother, said "she has been on the PTA since I can remember"; and

WHEREAS, Kristian added that her mother has been "such a wonderful Christian influence in my life. In my mom, I have seen everything that love can be. My mom is a remarkable woman"; and

WHEREAS, a devout Christian, Mrs. Bailey is an active member of the First Baptist Church in Powell, where she works with the bed babies each week in the Preschool Sunday School Department; and

WHEREAS, she also assists with the annual Vacation Bible School and Extended Teaching Care and, for several summers, she has accompanied the church youth on a mission trip to the Navajo Nation in Arizona and volunteered to organize the food planning and programs for the entire delegation; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Bailey is known throughout her community as one of Powell's most generous and dedicated citizens; and

WHEREAS, one of the newest members of the Powell Lions Club, she was, according to one source, the first woman east of the Mississippi to be inducted into the Sertoma Club; and

WHEREAS, Laura Gill Bailey epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Mrs. Bailey for her dedication to the state of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend and join with her family and friends in celebrating her recognition as the Powell Professional and Business Association's 2001 Woman of the Year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.